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Question:

Senator XENOPHON: ... My questions are as follows, and if they must be taken on notice, I understand that. What relationship existed between ASC and ICCPM prior to that point in terms of any contractual arrangements, consultancies and the like? Has the ASC ever had anyone on the board of ICCPM or vice versa? Could you advise about the interrelationship between the two? Is ICCPM undertaking this work?

Senator Cormann: We may take that on notice, just to make sure we give you an accurate answer.

Senator XENOPHON: Yes. I would invite you to see some of the comments on this. There is still an ongoing investigation by the ANAO in relation to Airservices Australia. I understand that it is a completely different entity. It is a significant issue—concerns about probity and the like. Also, on notice, could you provide details of how much is being paid to ICCPM in terms of consulting fees or contracts since that date, both in the 12 months prior to that announcement of 26 September 2014 and subsequent to that time?

Mr Lamarre: Okay, no problem.

Answer:

ASC is a national member of the International Centre for Complex Project Management (ICCPM).

No employees of ASC have ever served as Board members of the ICCPM whilst they have been employed by ASC. To our best knowledge, no employees of ICCPM served on the Board of ASC Pty Ltd.

ASC pays an annual membership fee to ICCPM which partially covers the cost of ICCPM providing accredited complex project management training for ASC employees. Since 26 September 2013 (i.e. 12 months prior to the announcement of 26 September 2014) ASC has paid a total of \$280,000 to ICCPM in membership fees and education costs.